

Detour Traffic

Returns

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NEPHI — Saturday at 7 p.m., thebound traffic was turned from the Mona detour road to the new six miles section of the freeway which bypasses Nephi and avoids traffic onto the so-called "death strip," but the controversy north-Nephi exit will not be in for two more weeks.

The last segment of freeway passing Nephi was expected to be finished eight days earlier, but a Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) spokesman in an engineer's office, but a breakdown in the hot mix batch plant delayed construction.

The North Nephi exit will not be finished for at least two weeks though it could be sooner.

Agenda From Utah Valley

PROVO CITY COUNCIL

ME: Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council chambers
AGENDA: Future agenda

Controversy Centers on Library Site

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Provo has outgrown its library and needs a new one. That has already been decided by city officials and community groups. Where that library will be located is a question which has raised considerable response from several interested parties.

The city council has scheduled a Tuesday public hearing on recommendations for the city library site. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the city center.

The Provo Library Board has the formidable task of recommending the best site to the city council. The group is faced with two main choices, both of which are backed by vocally supportive groups.

One proposal, submitted by Canadian developer Richard K. Melchin, asks the city to invest in the old Brigham Young Academy building. Melchin says the owner, Frank King, has determined by several independent studies that the Academy Square has only one suitable purpose. That purpose is to develop the square into a "cultural center" for the city.

Conceivably the complex would house the new library, restaurants, artistic groups, shops and a museum. If the cultural center idea is not used, Melchin says the firm



Mark Schmeidler Photo

Mike Lawrence takes his seat in Provo's crowded library facility.

Therefore, the board chose the new building as the most favorable venue for these events and we can't depend on BYU to lend us

the charitable foundation could raise \$3 million and the revenue

(who support the new building), believes the Academy Square proposal would cost too much.

"It is possible to add a cultural center to a new library building when the public is ready to pay for such a facility, either now or later," she said. "The Academy Square proposal is not a library proposal. The library board unanimously agreed that a new building would best meet the needs of the Provo City Library."

Marchant asked what would happen if parts of the cultural center complex failed, would the library be in jeopardy?

Marilyn Brown, heartily in favor of using the Academy Square, said the library board needs to widen its base of thinking.

"We can't have narrow vision about this," said Brown. "It's an emotional issue. The Academy Square will make an excellent cultural arts center for Provo."

Bringing it into focus, the new building would cost approximately \$1.2 million to construct and would require a yearly lease fee plus maintenance costs. The Academy Square complex would also cost \$1.2 million to renovate. But, says Melchin, since a charitable group would buy it, grants and tax credits would be available; revenue from

The clear summer weather couldn't have been better to blast away 5,000 tons of rock from a cliff at the entrance of Provo Canyon. Although the cliff looked impenetrable, it was riddled with cracks and was badly fractured.

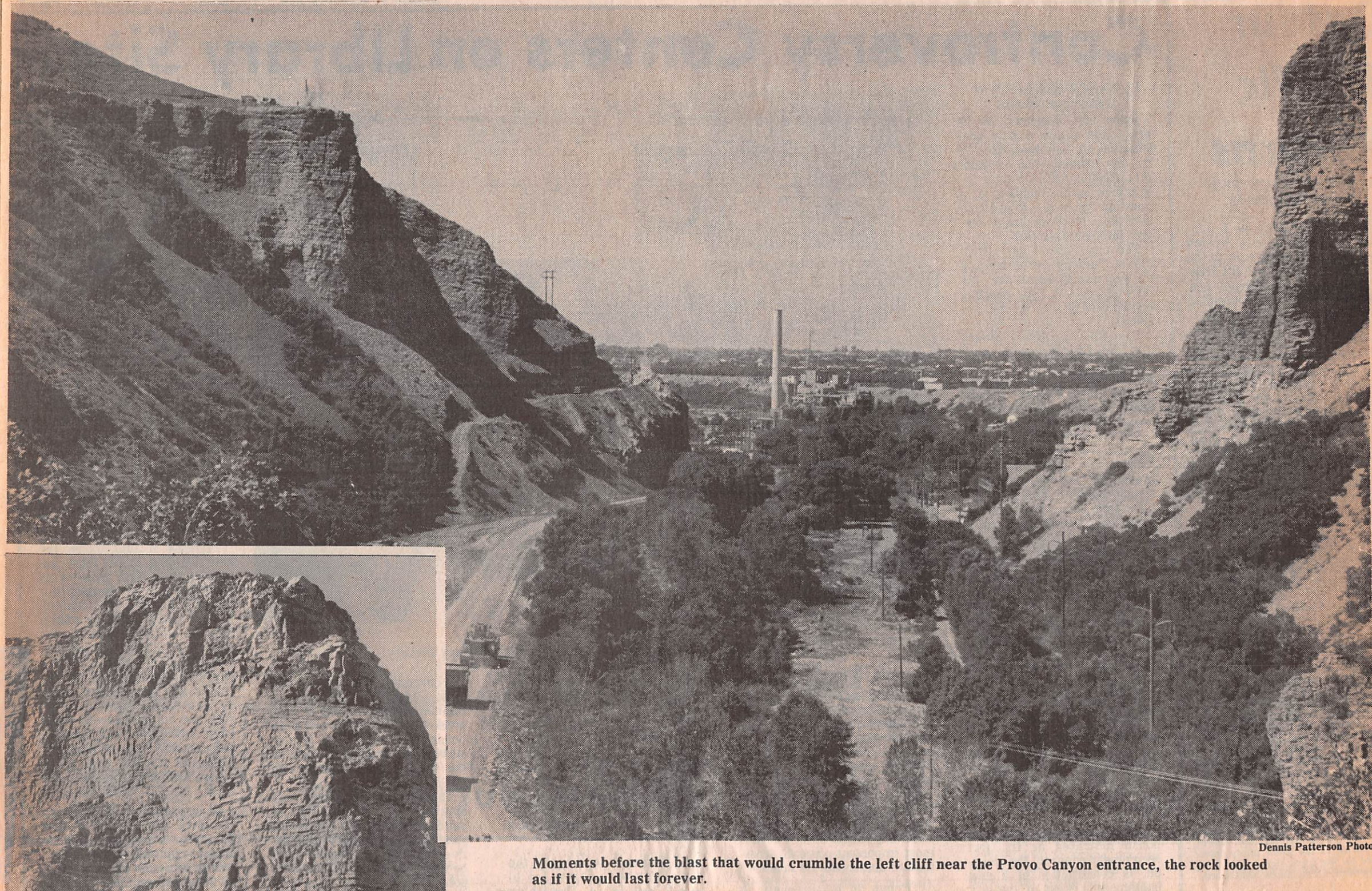
The cliff was the source of much rock falling on the surface of the Provo road, and one piece about the size of an automobile made it to the side of the road before work began this spring.

The blast, according to Herald photographer Dennis Patterson, who was at the site, took "less than two minutes from the first to last bang, although it took several minutes for the air to clear because of dust."

The cliff was removed strictly because it was a hazard to Provo Canyon motorists, according to Larry Buss, project engineer.

Canyon Loses 5,000-Ton Cliff





Dennis Patterson Photo

Moments before the blast that would crumble the left cliff near the Provo Canyon entrance, the rock looked as if it would last forever.